

Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Yuima Reservation, California



EPA Grant Totals	
GAP	\$91,344
CWA 319	\$30,000
CWA 106	\$65,000
SDWA	\$264,000



Chairman: Temet A. Aguilar

Environmental Director: Miguel Hernandez

Land Base: 5,927 acres

Primary Economy: Casino and agriculture

Population and Poverty: 206 residents live on the Reservation and 1.5% live below the poverty level

Education: 93.5% have high school diploma and 21% have bachelor's or graduate degree

General Background: The Tribe, historically known as the Pauma-Yuima Band of Mission Indians, is one of six federally recognized Indian tribes in the mid-southern California area who share Luiseño tribal affiliation, language, and traditions. Pauma produces Hass avocados, Valencia oranges and lemons; and is engaged in protection and reforestation of their tribal lands. The Pauma Tribe owns and operates Casino Pauma, providing employment to the Tribal Members and the surrounding communities. Its revenues enhance the Tribal Government's ability to meet the essential needs of the membership.

General Assistance Program: The Tribe currently has a GAP grant that supports them in the efforts to develop core environmental programs and core organizational management capacities.

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Clean Water Act 106 (Water Pollution Control): The Pauma Band has conducted water quality monitoring since 1996, along their main reservation's springs and intermittent streams that occur on the Tribe's Mission Reserve and Yuima Tracts. Pauma Creek is adjacent to the Tribe's land and is a potential water resource for the tribe. All data is incorporated in the Tribe's water quality database and is provided to EPA with an annual water quality assessment report to demonstrate the historical and updated water quality monitoring data within Pauma Band.

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Clean Water Act 319 (Nonpoint Source): The Tribe's nonpoint source efforts have been targeted toward implementing successful methods of reducing NPS pollution through installation and maintenance of Best Management Practice (BMPs) potential pollutant monitoring, public and community outreach, education and tribal training. The ultimate goal is to prevent NPS Pollution of the Tribe's surface and groundwater resources.

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Safe Drinking Water Act: The Pauma reservation has one public water system. It is a community water system that serves 5,700 people, including the casino. The water system has had no compliance issues for years. In 2015, EPA awarded the Tribe \$264,000 to construct a water storage tank.

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Solid Waste: The Tribe does not have an approved Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. Two open dumps are listed in the IHS database for the reservation.

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